



MILITARY SURFACE DEPLOYMENT AND DISTRIBUTION COMMAND

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MEDIA INVITATION

WHAT: Media availability to cover an historic load out on the commercial vessel “Hawaii Superferry, Huakai” en route to Haiti.

WHY: Fort Eustis Soldiers from the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command’s 597th Transportation Brigade and the 7th Sustainment Brigade will load the vessel with relief supplies and equipment, and then board the ship themselves for the voyage to Haiti. The Superferry, Huakai originates from Hawaii and traditionally has only moved passengers. The vessel is now owned by the Maritime Administration. For this mission, it is under control of the Military Sealift Command. The speed of the Huakai will cut the transit time to Haiti by almost half.

(Press conference will be on board Huakai at 3rd Port. Interviews with deploying Soldiers will also be available)

WHEN: Jan. 27, 9 a.m.

WHERE: Meet at the Fort Eustis Visitor’s Center, Gate 1, no later than 8:30 a.m. Fort Eustis Public Affairs will be on hand to escort media to 3rd Port.

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